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CTF SIX TWO FOR AMB MACFARLANE; CASABLANCA FOR ADS

EO 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PINS, ASEC, MOPS, LE
 SUBJ: BEIRUT SITREP - 0830 LOCAL, AUG 31

1. EMBASSY SITUATION: I AM IN CHANCERY (BRITISH EMBASSY) WITH HANDFULL OF PERSONNEL. DCM PUGH IS AT DURAFORD BUILDING. FAIRBANKS, ROSS, MY WIFE AND OTHERS ARE AT MY RESIDENCE IN YARZE. BG STINER IS IN LAF OPSCENTER AT MOD. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER BY TELEPHONE. WE CAN MOVE BETWEEN CHANCERY AND DURAFORD, BUT IT IS DANGEROUS. OTHERWISE WE ARE CUT OFF FROM EACH OTHER. (I AM INFORMED THERE HAVE BEEN NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN PAST 24 HOURS.)

2. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN MILITARY SOURCES LAF IS HOLDING TOGETHER (ONLY TWO DESERTIONS REPORTED) AND FIGHTING WELL. DAO HAS SENT MILITARY REPORT TELEPHONICALLY. TRUST DIA WILL SEE THAT THAT REPORT IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL ADDRESSES.

3. MY PRESENT PLAN IS TO STAY IN CHANCERY. WE WILL ISSUE PERIODIC SITREPS, BOTH FROM OUR WORMS EYE VIEW AND FROM INFORMATION GATHERED BY TELEPHONE (BECOMING INCREASINGLY ERATIC.)

AS OF NOW THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SMALL ARMS AND ARTILLERY FIRE
 IN THE AREA, BUT WE CAN SEE NO MILITARY OPERATIONS. DILLON
 END OF MESSAGE

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